

THE CREAKES

North Creake chapel was built in 1876, the Sunday school was added in 1880. The foundation stones laid for the Sunday school were by Molly Negus' great uncle Michael Johnson and great, great uncle Thomas Walker. Michael Johnson was Sunday school superintendent for twenty seven years, Molly is the fourth generation of Methodists in the Fakenham and Wells circuits, Molly was, herself, a teacher at the Sunday school for over thirty years. Originally, Sunday school anniversaries at North Creake were held on a meadow, using three wagons, one for the organ and two for the children. The congregation sat on chairs or on the grass or stood. There was always rivalry between North Creake Sunday school and Hindringham Sunday school as to who had the biggest collection at their anniversary services.

North Creake chapel closed in the mid 70's. South Creake closed a few years later, cottage meetings were held at the home of Mrs Fox until her death. Six years ago cottage meetings were started in North Creake held monthly and continue until this day, these were firstly held in the home of the late Mrs Tyrell, and latterly in the home of Mr and Mrs Negus. The Parish church is used for united services at Easter, Harvest and Christmas and a summer concert, where usually a good congregation attends

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The lady organist of a village church had been jilted after a fairly long engagement to a local preacher. About a fortnight after this outwardly unhappy event he was due to preach at her church. She was seated at the organ immediately below him and facing the pulpit when he announced his text -- 1 Samuel 28:7.

"SEEK ME A WOMAN"

At a Methodist church a certain lady who was nearly always late for the service arrived as the congregation started to sing. "With early feet I love to appear among thy saints"